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**Message:**

Enclosed please find the Response to Final Office Action dated July 12, 2005.

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: **Bin Zhao**

Serial No.: 09/686,323

Filed: October 9, 2000

For: **Method of Fabricating an Interconnect  
Structure Employing Air Gaps Between  
Metal Lines and Between Metal Layers**

Art Unit: 2814

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**RESPONSE TO FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

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Dear Sir/Madam:

This is in response to the *Final Office Action* dated July 12, 2005 in the above-referenced patent application. Please enter and consider the following remarks.